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### Alumna featured in People magazine

Dena Krishnan would not be in medical school if it weren't for her time at BGSU. Krishnan, a fourth-year osteopathic medical student at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) in Harrogate, Tenn., was recently featured in People magazine as one of their "Heroes Among Us" for her work with people in rural Appalachia.

While the road to People prominence has not been an easy one, Krishnan says she knew what she wanted to be at a young age. "When I was five years old I drew a picture of myself giving a vaccine and told people I was going to cure cancer."

A straight-A student in high school, the Perrysburg native went to Xavier University and graduated feeling discouraged. "I thought I could do everything but I wasn't standing out," she said. Krishnan decided to head to BGSU to take a few graduate courses, and was encouraged to get her master's degree. She joined the lab of Dr. Lee Meserve, Distinguished Teaching Professor of biological sciences. The move would change her life.

Krishnan gets tears in her eyes when she talks about the effect Meserve had on her. "He was my mentor; he took an interest in me as a person and wanted me to achieve my dreams. I went through some personal challenges while I was at BGSU and Dr. Meserve cried with me and encouraged me."

"Her personality, her warmth, the way she cares about people – it was obvious she would do well in a teaching assistance setting," said Meserve. "When I got to the point of writing a reference letter, I knew that if she wasn't out there in health care the world was going to be worse off. I'm so proud of her. She's going to make a big splash; she's already making a big splash."

"So many young people get discouraged," Krishnan said. "I was lucky to meet someone who took such an interest in my life and wanted me to be successful in all aspects – professionally and personally. If it weren't for him I would not have applied to medical school."

Her first two years at LMU-DCOM were tough emotionally. "Medical school was very isolating for me. It was nonstop studying. The focus is on grades and class ranking. I just really wanted to start helping people. I needed to get rejuvenated."

That rejuvenation came from the Gesundheit! Institute, which is run by Dr. Patch Adams, the nontraditional doctor immortalized in 1998 by Robin Williams in the movie "Patch Adams." Krishnan reached out to the institute and received a voice mail from Dr. Adams himself. She joined him and dozens of others on a life-altering trip to Costa Rica. "We dressed in clown costumes every day and visited everything from children's hospitals to the slums. I saw Dr. Adams work tirelessly in the draining heat for hours on end. He would seek out a patient's mother or a nurse and give them a hug, tell them he loved them. It was incredible to see how much he cared about people."

Her time with Dr. Adams made her realize she wanted to continue humanitarian work, but the living conditions in rural Appalachia shocked her. "The people are proud and grateful for the help, but you never get used to seeing poverty and neglect. So many conditions are preventable." Krishnan was encouraged to let her emotions show and to not be afraid to cry with her patients.

A People journalist and photographer followed her for a week during her month-long rural primary-care rotation. She also kept a journal, which she gave to them when she was finished. Seeing the article came as a shock. "It was like winning Miss America. I was crying, screaming, I didn't realize the photo of me would be the main focus." She recently came back to northwest Ohio to talk about her experience. During one event, Toledo Mayor Mike Bell presented her a glass goblet.

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Choking back tears, Krishnan says it's wonderful to be recognized for all her hard work. "Doing what you love is the most revolutionary thing you can do."

### Board approves domestic partner benefits, names new residences

The Board of Trustees voted at its Oct. 1 meeting to extend health care benefits to same-sex partners of University employees beginning Jan. 1. In addition, children and same-sex domestic partners will have access to the same BGSU educational fee waiver and leave programs, such as sick leave and Family Medical Leave, as do employee spouses and dependent children.

The move brings BGSU in line with the majority of other Ohio universities and its peer institutions nationwide, said Rebecca Ferguson, assistant vice president for human resources. "To continue not offering benefits to domestic partners impacts our ability to attract and retain high-quality faculty and staff today and into the future," Ferguson told the trustees in recommending the change.

The University's Health, Wellness and Insurance Committee as well as the Faculty Senate and Administrative Staff Council had already supported offering health care benefits to domestic partners, saying it is in keeping with Bowling Green's commitment to diversity and its Equal Opportunity Employment Policy.

To be eligible for domestic partner benefits, the couple must have been committed to an exclusive relationship and living together for at least six months. They must demonstrate financial interdependence through mortgages, leases, automobile ownership, bank and credit-card accounts and/or designation as a beneficiary in wills or life insurance policies. In addition, the same rule applies as with married couples: if the domestic partner's employer offers an equivalent health care plan, the partner must enroll in that plan as his or her primary coverage.

The University expects about 15 domestic partners will be added to the University's health care plans at a cost of about \$80,000—compared to the estimated \$750,000 increase anticipated from federally and state mandated addition of dependent children BGSU faces.

In other action, the trustees approved names for the campus's two residence halls now under construction and expected to open in fall 2011.

Designed for freshmen, the residence at the site on Wooster Street formerly occupied by Rodgers Quadrangle will be known as Centennial Hall.

The second residence, at the corner of Thurstin Avenue and Ridge Street, is intended for sophomores. Its name will be Falcon Heights Hall, in commemoration of the name given to the temporary group of trailers used to house married veterans following World War II.

The board also approved a matching grant of \$1.985 million from the National Science Foundation for the renovation of the heating and air conditioning system in the Physical Sciences Laboratory Building. The University's match of \$952,543 will be provided through the biennial allocation of state basic renovation funds.

The improvements will generate an estimated energy savings of \$515,454 per year. The building has had significant problems with excessive temperature extremes and large thermal fluctuations, as well as vibrations caused by outdated exhaust fans.

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**Meet candidates for campus police chief**

The Office of Human Resources invites the campus community to meet the two candidates for the position of Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police. Meetings will be held in 208 Bowen-Thompson Student Union from 3-3:55 p.m. as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 6 – Monica Moll

Friday, Oct. 8 – Scott Beckner

Resumes are available for review at:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/training/page85611.html>

**ACE Fellow to be campus visitor**

Dr. Susan Stapleton, a 2010-11 ACE (American Council on Education) Fellow who is being mentored by President Carol Cartwright and Provost Ken Borland throughout this year, will be on campus periodically observing and working with her mentors.

"Selection as a host institution is a mark of the prestige of Bowling Green State University. An ACE Fellow has selected this institution for its unique learning opportunities and the quality work that it is doing in educating students," explained Dr. Sharon A. McDade, director of the ACE Fellows Program.

Established in 1965 by the American Council on Education, the ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for eventual advancement into senior leadership positions in college and university administration. ACE Fellows, nominated by the presidents of their institutions, are selected in a national competition. Of the more than 1,500 participants in the 45 years of the program, more than 300 have become chief executive officers and more than 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents or deans.

Dr. Stapleton is associate dean of arts and sciences at Western Michigan University as well as director of the co-op and internship program in chemistry. She is also a professor of chemistry and biochemistry whose research concerns gene regulation of carbohydrate and fatty acid metabolism.

Each ACE Fellow focuses on an issue of concern to the nominating institution while being mentored by the college or university president and other senior officers at the host institution. The Fellow is included in the highest level of decision-making, participates in administrative activities, and works on specific issues or projects at the host institution. Fellows attend three weeklong seminars on higher education issues organized by ACE as well as the ACE Annual Meeting, read extensively in the field, visit a range of other higher education institutions, and engage in other activities to enhance their knowledge about the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education today and in the next century.

CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 4

**Center for Teaching and Learning**, "Effective Public Speaking in Academic Settings," 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 201 University Hall.

Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

**Guest Artists Concert**, featuring Tony Arnold, soprano; Aiyun Huany, percussion, and Thomas Rosenkranz, piano, 8 p.m.,

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Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

## Tuesday, Oct. 5

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "Using e-Portfolios to Foster Intentional Learning," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

**EcoBreak Seminar**, with Gabriela Bidart-Bouzat, 11:30 a.m., 332 Life Sciences Building.

**Radiation Safety Training**, with George Bullerjahn, 1-3 p.m. 2 College Park. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

**Tuesdays at the Gish Film Series**, "The Strange Loves of Martha Ivers" (U.S. 1946), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

**Guest Artist Concert**, Julia Heinen, clarinet, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

## Wednesday, Oct. 6

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "United Way AmeriCorps – Reaching out to the Community," 9:30-10:30 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

**Brown Bag Series**, "Lessons from a Late in Life Lipstick Lesbian," presented by Sally Reece, Senior Adult Grants for Education Student, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. In recognition of National Coming out Week.

**CFDR Speaker Series**, "The Power of Household Relationship Grids for Researching Family Diversity and Change," with Dr. Peter Brandon, sociology and anthropology, University of Toledo, noon-1 p.m., 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Studies.

**Women's Swimming** vs. Pentathlon, 3:15 p.m., Cooper Pool.

**Biology Seminar**, "From Bacterial Development to Human Health," with Dr. Lee Kroos, biochemistry and molecular biology, Michigan State University, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building.

**Question and Answer Session with saxophonist Branford Marsalis**, 3:30 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

## Thursday, Oct. 7

**Electrical Safety Training**, with Scott Goodwin, 8-10 a.m., 2 College Park. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

**Fire Safety at BGSU**, with John Curlis, 9-10 a.m., 1 College Parl. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

**College of Arts and Sciences Visiting Writer**, Nahid Rachlin, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

**Laser Safety Training**, with George Bullerjahn, 1-3 p.m., 2 College Park. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

**Festival Series**, "An Evening with Branford Marsalis," 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$20, \$28 and \$36 in advance and an additional \$3 each the day of the performance. To reserve, call the box office at 2-871.

## Friday, Oct. 8

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "Socratic Circles," 11 a.m.-noon, 210 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "Active Learning and Problem-based Learning Strategies," 1-2 p.m., 201 University Hall.

**Volleyball** vs. Ohio University, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

**Faculty Artist Series**, with Garik Pedersen, piano, and Dan Foster, violin, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

## Saturday, Oct. 9

**Men's Soccer** vs. Buffalo, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.

**Volleyball** vs. Kent, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

**Hockey** vs. Michigan, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

## Monday, Oct. 11

**Fall Break**. Classes canceled; offices open.

Continuing Events  
Oct. 9-13

**Fall State Fire School**, Contact Continuing and Extended Education at 2-8181 for more information.

## Through Oct. 18

**Art Exhibit**, "Architecture Student Work: Seventh Annual Exhibition," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

## Through Nov. 17

**Exhibition**, "100@100: Works of Art by Alumni Artists to Celebrate BGSU's

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## JOB POSTINGS

## FACULTY

**Theatre and Film.** Assistant Professor. Call the Search Committee, 2-2222. Deadline: Oct. 29.

**Intervention Services.** Two positions:

- Assistant Professor. Call Trinka Messenheimer, 2-7358. Deadline: Nov. 1.
- Assistant/Associate Professor. Call Trinka Messenheimer, 2-7293. Deadline: Nov. 15.

**Teaching and Learning.** Assistant/Associate Professor. Call Cindy Hendricks, 2-7341. Deadline: Nov. 1.

**Political Science.** Assistant Professor. Call Shannon Orr, 2-2921. Deadline: Nov. 15.

**Physics and Astronomy.** Assistant Professor. Call Sandra Gardner, 2-2335. Deadline: Dec. 15.

**Mathematics and Statistics.** Assistant Professor (two positions). Call the department, 2-2638. Deadlines: Nov. 15 and Jan. 3, respectively.

## Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR website at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

## CLASSIFIED

## On-campus classified:

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU\\_only/page11151.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html)

## Off-campus classified:

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl\\_staff/page11145.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html)

## ADMINISTRATIVE

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm\\_staff/page11137.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html)

## OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.